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Dear Sir / Madam,

As you are aware National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS) for IPHL (Integrated Public Health Laboratories) were released by the MoHFW, GoI on 28th June 2024. These standards aim to minimize laboratory errors, improve treatment efficiency and enhance quality management system in laboratories.

National Quality Assurance Standards are designed not only to ensure quality services for users, including patients and healthcare providers but also to empower district and block-level public health laboratories to demonstrate competency while continually elevating their quality standards. In many States, the construction of IPHLs has been completed and lab services are made operational.

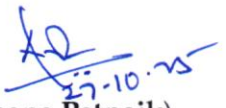
All the states are requested to prioritize achieving NQAS National certification for the newly operationalised IPHL with in the first year of operation itself. It may also be noted that the NQAS certification for IPHL is specifically developed for public healthcare facilities. It covers the entire spectrum of services in a comprehensive manner including all mandated medical laboratory tests, public health tests of air and water samples and surveillance reporting as per IHIP (Integrated Health Information Platform).

NQAS for IPHL cannot be equated with any other accreditation like NABL, the latter would need multiple separate quality certifications under medical and general disciplines to cover the scope of services provided at the IPHL. Furthermore, once a laboratory is upgraded to IPHL, the existing accreditation would not cover the entire scope of services. Hence, quality certification under other accreditation systems is not recommended in the case of IPHL

In case State/UTs require any technical support, you may contact Dr. R.K. Pathni, Advisor-QPS Division (rk.pathni@nhsrcindia.org /9560432345) at Quality & Patient Safety Division, National Health Systems Resources Center.

With regards.

Yours sincerely,



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